

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE****In the Application of:** Schnekenburger, R.**Application Serial No:** 10/574,658**Filing Date:** December 29, 2006**Title:** Use of an Intumescent Material and  
Device Having A Material of this Type**Group Art Unit:** 3673**Examiner:** Merlino, A.**Confirmation No.:** 7603**Customer No.:** 30734**Mail Stop: RCE**

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**AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

SIR:

Prior to continued examination, and in response to the final Office Action mailed on August 20<sup>th</sup>, please amend the above-identified application as indicated below. A request to extend the period for reply for one (1) month has been submitted concurrently herewith.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims beginning on Page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on Page 3 of this paper.